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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
7 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
8 AT SEATTLE

9 GEN ADS, LLC, et al.,

10 Plaintiffs,

11 v.

12 ANDREW BREITBART, et al.

13 Defendants.
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CASE NO. C06-137JLR

MINUTE ORDER

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16 The following minute order is made by the direction of the court, the Honorable
17 James L. Robart:

18 On May 23, 2006, the court received the parties' proposed stipulated protective order
19 (Dkt. # 34). Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(c), protective orders should be issued "for good cause
20 shown." This is a public court and its business should be conducted publicly unless there is a
21 specific reason to keep things confidential. As stated in Local Rules W.D. Wash. CR 5(g),
22 "[t]here is a strong presumption of public access to the court's files and records which may be
23 overcome only on a compelling showing that the public's right of access is outweighed by the
24 interests of the public and the parties in protecting files, records, or documents from public view."
25 When protective orders are appropriate, they should be narrowly drawn, the presumption being in
26 favor of open and public litigation. The parties may, of course, agree on confidentiality
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1 among themselves, but when they request that the court become involved the parties must
2 make the requisite showing.

3 Against this backdrop, the court has reviewed paragraph 4 of the parties' proposed
4 order and finds it too broad. As such, the stipulated protective order will remain lodged
5 in the file, but the court will not enter it.

6 Filed and entered this 31st day of May, 2006.

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8 BRUCE RIFKIN, Clerk

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10 s/Mary Duett
11 By Deputy Clerk